

CLAIMS

1. An image pickup device capable of photographing still images during photography of a moving image, wherein:

5 a first notifying means for visually notifying a subject that a photographic operation of a still image is to be performed when a release button (23) is pressed half-way down during photography of a moving image is provided; and

10 the photographic operation is performed when the release button (23) is fully pressed.

2. The image pickup device according to claim 1, wherein the first notifying means is a light emitting means (25) which lights up or flashes when the release button (23) is pressed half-way down.

15 3. The image pickup device according to claim 1, wherein the first notifying means is a flash lamp device in which a light source portion (27) pops up when the release button (23) is pressed half-way down.

20 4. The image pickup device according to any of claim 1 through claim 3, wherein settings related to the photography operation are displayed in a display portion (17) when the release button (23) is pressed half-way down.

25 5. The image pickup device according to any of claim 1 through claim 4, wherein a focus readjustment operation is performed when the release button (23) is pressed half-way down, and a second notifying means (26) for notifying that focus is corrected after the readjustment operation is complete is provided.